

We claim:

1. A physically and chemically stable vanishing cream for the treatment of hyperpigmentation and having SPF of at least 15, said cream comprising the following ingredients at concentrations expressed in weight percentages based on the weight of the cream: 2 to 4 percent hydroquinone; 3 percent avobenzone; 2.2 percent cetareth-20; 2.3 percent cetostearyl alcohol; 1.2 percent citric acid; 0.9 percent diethylaminoethyl stearate; 0.5 percent dimethicone; 0.1 percent edetate disodium; 3.9 percent glyceryl dilaurate; 9 percent glyceryl monostearate; 5 percent glyceryl stearate (and) PEG-100 stearate; 0.3 percent hydroxyethyl cellulose; 0.05 percent methylparaben; 6.5 percent octyldoecyl stearyl stearate; 7.5 percent octyl methoxycinnamate; 0.35 percent polysorbate 80; 3.4 percent propylene glycol; 0.1 percent propyl gallate; 0.05 percent propylparaben; 2.45 percent quaternium-26; 1 percent rumex extract (as Tyrostat-20); 0.05 percent sodium metabisulfite; 1 to 10 percent sodium PCA; 1 percent squalane (and) ubiquinone; 1.4 percent stearyl alcohol; the remaining being purified water; said cream having a SPF value of at least 15.

2. A method for making a physically and chemically stable vanishing cream for the treatment of hyperpigmentation and for providing SPF of at least 15, said method comprising the following steps:

- (a) heating water until it boils;
- (b) cooling the boiled water to 75 degrees C;
- (c) dissolving 0.10 part edetate disodium, 0.05 part methyl paraben, and 0.03 part sodium metabisulfite in the water to form a first solution;
- (d) cooling the first solution to 47 degree C;

- (e) dissolving 0.2 parts citric acid in the first solution with stirring to form a second solution;
- (f) adding 3.4 parts propylene glycol, 1 to 10 parts sodium PCA, 0.3 part hydroxyethyl cellulose, and 2.0 to 4.0 parts hydroquinone to the second solution and  
5 mixing said second solution until a uniform composition is achieved;
- (g) combining 9.0 parts glyceryl monostearate, 6.5 parts octyldodecyl stearoyl stearate, 2.45 parts quaternium-26, 5.0 parts glyceryl stearate and PEG-100 stearate, 3.9 parts glyceryl dilaurate, 0.9 part diethylaminoethyl stearate, 2.3 parts cetostearyl alcohol, 2.2 parts cetareth-20, 0.5 part dimethicone, 0.35 part polysorbate  
10 80, 1.4 parts stearyl alcohol, 3.0 parts avobenzone, 0.5 part propylparaben, 0.1 part propyl gallate, 1.0 part squalane and ubiquinone, and 7.5 parts octyl methoxycinnamate;
- (h) heating the mixture in part (g) to a temperature in the range of 60-65 degree C to melt the solid ingredients;
- 15 (i) stirring the molten mixture to form a uniform composition;
- (j) adding the composition of step (f) and the composition of step (i) to achieve a uniform combined composition;
- (k) cooling the combined composition to 35 degree C;
- (l) boiling 5 parts water;
- 20 (m) dissolving 0.02 part sodium metabisulfite in the boiling water to produce a solution;
- (n) mixing the solution with the combined composition to produce a uniform composition;
- (o) mixing 1.0 part rumex extract with the uniform composition to produce  
25 a homogenous mixture;

(p) cooling the uniform composition.

3. A physically and chemically stable vanishing cream for the treatment of hyperpigmentation, said cream comprising the following ingredients at concentrations expressed in weight percentages based on the weight of the cream: 2 to 4 percent hydroquinone, 3 percent avobenzone, 2.2 percent cetareth-20, 2.3 percent cetostearyl alcohol, 1.2 percent citric acid, 0.9 percent diethylaminoethyl stearate, 0.5 percent dimethicone, 0.1 percent edetate disodium, 3.9 percent glyceryl dilaurate, 9 percent glyceryl monostearate, 5 percent glyceryl stearate (and) PEG-100 stearate, 0.3 percent hydroxyethyl cellulose, 0.05 percent methylparaben, 6.5 percent octyldoecyl stearyl stearate, 7.5 percent octyl methoxycinnamate, 6 percent oxybenzone, 0.35 percent polysorbate 80, 3.4 percent propylene glycol, 0.1 percent propyl gallate, 0.05 percent methylparaben, 2.45 percent quaternium-26, 1 percent rumex extract (as Tyrostat-20), 0.05 percent sodium metabisulfite, 1 to 10 percent sodium PCA, 1 percent squalane (and) ubiquinone, 1.4 percent stearyl alcohol, the remaining being purified water, and said cream having a SPF value of at least 15.

4. A method for making a physically and chemically stable vanishing cream for the treatment of hyperpigmentation and for providing SPF of at least 15, said method comprising the following steps:

(a) heating water until it boils;

(b) dissolving 0.10 part edetate disodium, 0.05 part methyl paraben, and 0.03 part sodium metabisulfite in the water to form a first solution;

(c) cooling the first solution to 47 degree C.;

- (d) dissolving 1.2 parts citric acid in the first solution with stirring to form a second solution;
- (e) adding 3.4 parts propylene glycol, 1 to 10 parts sodium PCA, 0.3 part hydroxyethyl cellulose, and 2.0 to 4.0 parts hydroquinone to the second solution and mixing said second solution until a uniform composition is achieved ;
- (f) combining 6.0 parts oxybenzone, 9.0 parts glyceryl monostearate, 6.5 parts octyldodecyl stearoyl stearate, 2.45 parts quaternium-26, 5.0 parts glyceryl stearate and PEG-100 stearate, 3.9 parts glyceryl dilaurate, 0.9 part diethylaminoethyl stearate, 2.3 parts cetostearyl alcohol, 2.2 parts cetareth-20, 0.5 part dimethicone, 0.35 part polysorbate 80, 1.4 parts stearyl alcohol, 3.0 parts avobenzene, 0.05 part propylparaben, 0.1 part propyl gallate, 1.0 part squalane and ubiquinone, and 7.5 parts octyl methoxycinnamate ;
- (g) heating the mixture of step (f) to 60-65 degree C to melt the ingredients;
- (h) stirring the molten mixture to form a uniform composition;
- (i) adding the composition of step (e) and the composition of step (h) and mixing to achieve a uniform combined composition;
- (j) cooling the combined composition to 35 degree C;
- (k) boiling 5 parts water;
- (l) dissolving 0.02 part sodium metabisulfite in the boiling water to produce a solution;
- (m) mixing the mixture with the combined composition to produce a uniform composition;

(n) mixing 1.0 part rumex extract with the uniform composition to produce a homogeneous mixture;

(o) cooling the uniform composition.